

Advisory Board of Health Meeting Minutes

A special meeting of the Advisory Board of Health (ABH) was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:00 pm in room 119 at Town Hall.

Members present: Kevin Cunningham, Chair; Jennifer Geddes; Mary Guimond,
Clerk

Members absent: Dr. Jose Cara

Guest: David Knauf, Darien Director of Health

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair Cunningham. Mr. Knauf reported the following with regard to the Health Department:

Storm Update. Concerns with extended power outages are many, including food safety, possible contamination of water for those residents with septic systems, and basement oil storage tanks that can break free of fittings and cause oil spills. Understanding how their septic systems function is important for home owners, and most especially when power is lost.

Ordinance and Regulation Changes. The Representative Town Meeting (RTM) on Monday, March 15, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance and regulation changes and updates as made by Mr. Knauf. RTM Moderator Karen Armour thanked Mr. Knauf for undertaking and completing this significant piece of work. Revision to the clamming ordinance is projected to be completed by the end of 2010.

H1N1. There will be no more clinics for H1N1 vaccines but the Health Department will take appointments. 1400 shots were given by the town through 15 clinics.

Miscellaneous. Planning has begun for a day this fall for the collection of expired prescription drugs. On March 25, the Health Department is co-sponsoring a mammography clinic in conjunction with Stamford Hospital. The food training program has started. Lyme cases have increased exponentially year over year. Emergency Plan is progressing nicely, with Chair Cunningham's able assistance.

Ms. Geddes asked two questions. First, if Mr. Knauf has seen an increase in the incidence of Clostridium Difficile (C-Diff). Mr. Knauf will check the reportable disease reports to determine same. Second, if dogs are allowed in supermarkets. With the exception of service dogs, they are not. Managers of supermarkets should address any problem. At this point, the ABH graciously thanked Mr. Knauf, who was then excused from the meeting.

Chair Cunningham stated that at the next ABH meeting, he and Dr. Cara will provide an update to the work they have done with regard to pedestrian safety. Ms. Guimond mentioned the South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA) study being done to

address issues on the Post Road in Darien from Nearwater Lane to Old Kings Highway North. This study will include pedestrian issues and Ms. Guimond suggested that ABH integrate that work with our own. Chair Cunningham agreed.

The last agenda item was an update on the EMS committee by Dr. Cara, which was tabled due to Dr. Cara's absence.

The next ABH meeting will be held on May 19, 2010, at 7:00 pm in room 213. This meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted on March 17, 2010

Mary Guimond, Clerk